PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson, Applegate Road, Colwood, were recently surprised with a house-warming party given by a number of their friends. Guests of honor were given a planter, and a buffet supper followed. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. H. Crellin, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lennon, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Litster, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. F. Rankin and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stancil.

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A shower was given Friday evening by Mrs. A. Parkinson and Mrs. N. Patterson at the latter's home in the Dockyard, to honor Mrs. Brian J. McKenzie whose marriage to Sub-Lt. J. McKenzie took place recently at Kingston, Nova Scotia. Mrs. Gordon McKenzie received gifts in the absence of her daughter-in-law. Guests included Mrs. J. Knowles Jr., Mrs. J. Knowles Sr., Mrs. H. Booth, Mrs. M. M. MacDuff, Mrs. P. Steran, Mrs. Wm. Rothery, Mrs. S. Tanner, Mrs. K. Wilson, Mrs. P. Fecteau, Mrs. F. Webb, Mrs. G. Brillenger, Mrs. R. Henning, Mrs. W. Fortier, Mrs. P. Plimley, Mrs. C. Barlow and Miss Lorraine Patterson.

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Mr. Lawrence Laybourne managing director of Time International of Canada was guest of the president and executive of the Women's Canadian Club at the tea hour following the meeting of the club at which he spoke on "Behind the Headlines on American-Canadian Relations." Other guests included Mrs. R. G. McKee, Mrs. H. S. Grove, Dr. Olga Jardine, Mrs. S. H. Frame, Mrs. H. H. Youson, Ald. Lily Wilson, Mrs. R. D. Harvey, Mrs. A. G. Clocomb, Miss Jessie Gordon, Miss Elizabeth Forbes, Miss Freda Small, Mrs. D. L. Macdonell, Mrs. A. T. Cowley, Miss M. Ashworth, and Mrs. L. W. Topham.

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A surprise miscellaneous shower was held on Friday, Feb. 6 in honor of Miss Leona Orchard. Co-hostesses were Mrs. A. Plachner and Mrs. H. Plachner. A corsage of red roses was presented to Miss Orchard by Mrs. E. Mottishaw. Mrs. Wilfred Orchard, mother of the bride-elect received pink carnations en corsage. Gifts were arranged in a pink and white, flower-decked container. Guests were: Mrs. E. Mottishaw, Mrs. W. R. Orchard, Mrs. Ted Whiting, Mrs. K. Ash, Mrs. H. Mann, Mrs. J. N. Mann, Mrs. G. F. Thomas and Miss Marilyn Mottishaw.

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Mrs. F. Bliss, president of Victoria YWCA, will entertain at luncheon today in honor of Mrs. H. L. Gale, YWCA national representative for B.C., who will address the annual meeting this evening at 8 p.m. Mrs. F. Barclay Robinson, president of the Montreal YWCA and the executive committee will be guests.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. David Macadam, Estevan Ave., have driven down the coast and on to Tucson, Arizona, where they plan to spend several weeks. While they are away their house will be occupied by Mrs. Macadam's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anders, of Comox.

To Be Married on March 14

Lieut. A. Gray and Mrs. Gray, 517 Comerford Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Wanda Alexia, to Mr. Ronald Coutts Rothnie, son of Mrs. W. Rothnie, Vancouver, B.C., and the late Mr. Rothnie. The wedding will take place in the Church of St. Andrew, HMCS Naden, on March 14 at 7.30 p.m. with Padre H. Todd officiating. Attendants will be Miss Donna McLeod, Miss Isabelle Leggett, Miss Anne Eyolfson and Mrs. P. T. Glynn. Best man will be Mr. S. D. M. Moody, and the ushers, Mr. Norman Brown, Mr. Ray Johnson and Mr. Peter McKay.—(Photo of Miss Gray by Chevrons Studio and Mr. Rothnie by Artuna, Vancouver.)

Former Queen Writes Book

'Cage of Ignorance'

AMSTERDAM (UPI)—Former Queen Wilhelmina, in a book of memoirs published yesterday, charged that palace advisers kept her and her husband, Prince Hendrik, in a "cage of ignorance" through most of her 50-year reign.

"Those who wanted to preserve the cage atmosphere gave us only that information which they thought we must know," she said. "Other reports, no matter how important, were withheld. Behind those actions was the desire to isolate us . . . from the people. This was for me unacceptable."

FELT HANKERING

The 78-year-old former queen, who yielded the throne to her daughter, Juliana, in 1948, said she felt "a hankering after people . . . to meet them as they really were, and not in the artificial atmosphere of the royal palace. The solitude became oppressive."

She said she learned in time how things could be different, but succeeded in evading the "cage" only once. She did not elaborate.

The queen describes the subterfuges to which she resorted to break through the wall of "hollow and soul-less" officialdom and establish direct contact with her people.

Breaking out of the cage meant a liberation from spheres of influence that would only have had a harmful and paralyzing effect "on my initiative and courage . . ." she says in the memoirs, entitled Lonely But Not Alone.

She writes of her parents, her youth, the early years of the 20th century, the two world wars and the period between them and the liberation of Holland in 1945.

She concludes with a declaration of faith, saying she has learned to follow the guidance of Christ and to sound the depths to which mankind, in her opinion, has sunk through failing to accept that guidance.

The book—one of the most personal documents ever written by royalty—expresses appreciation for all the Canadian government did for the house of Orange during the war when she was in exile.

Proceeds from the book's sale will go to charity.

Single Operator For All Parks?

City council parks committee has asked the city manager and parks administrator to investigate and report on the advantages, if any, of having one concessionaire operate all city park concessions.

Concessions in question would be at Elk, Beaver and Thetis lakes, Royal Athletic Park and Macdonald Park.

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Clubs and Societies

UBC Dean to Speak

Dean Geoffrey C. Andrew, of UBC, will be guest speaker at the annual luncheon, Provincial Council of Women, tomorrow at Oak Bay Beach Hotel, Victoria. The topic will be "Education, Research and National Development."

Among head table guests will be Mrs. Frank Ross, Mrs. W. A. C. Bennett, Canon and Mrs. George Biddle, Mayor and Mrs. Percy B. Scurrah, Mrs. Buda Brown, Mrs. Lois Hagen, Miss Ruth MacLean, Mrs. H. S. Armstrong, Ald. Maude Corrigan, Mrs. A. Noel and Mrs. R. T. Gilmore.

Presiding at the luncheon will be Mrs. G. W. Kissick, provincial president.

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Centennial

Mr. M. Dodds was named president of the Centennial United Church Choir at the annual meeting.

Elected vice-president was Mrs. B. Barr and the secretary is Mrs. G. Lane. Mrs. J. Beveridge was named treasurer.

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Brentwood

Valentine Party of Brentwood Women's Institute will be held in the WI Hall on West Saanich Road on Friday evening.

This is an annual affair and is given for the benefit of the Solarium.

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IODE

Annual meeting of the Major John Hebden Gillespie Chapter, IODE, will be held on Feb. 24 at 8.15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. A. Pollard, 3120 Humber Road.

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St. Andrew's

At the annual meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church choir the following officers were elected: president, Mr. Jack McKibben; vice-president, Miss K. Paulin; recording secretary, Mrs. H. Yost; treasurer, Miss Marion Stephenson.

Mr. C. C. Warren, organist and choir leader, thanked the retiring president, Mr. W. Williamson, and other officers.

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Moose

Women of the Moose Chapter 25 will hold a social meeting Thursday at 7.30 p.m. at the Moose Home, 512 Fort St.

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Navy League

Annual meeting and luncheon for the Navy League Chapter, IODE, will be held at 12.30 Oak Bay Beach Hotel.

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Gorge Road

The fourth annual open house and linen shower will be held at the Gorge Road Hospital on Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. This year the affair will take the form of a Valentine tea.

Conducted tours of the hospital have been arranged and a special feature will be a visit to the occupational therapy room while the program is in action.

Guests will be received by Mrs. C. C. Warren, president of the hospital board, and Mrs. R. G. Aitken, president of the auxiliary.

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Ladies' Aid

Ladies' Aid, Church of Our Lord, will hold a silver tea on Saturday in Cridge Memorial Hall at 3 p.m.

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St. Matthias

St. Matthias Ladies' Evening Guild held a court whist and bridge party on Tuesday.

A corporate Communion will be held on Feb. 22 at the 8 a.m. service.

During March, the guild will sponsor a coffee party and fashion show at a downtown department store and at the regular March meeting, Rev. Angus Cameron of Lundavra will be guest speaker.

During April, a rummage sale will be held and the Twilight Singers will also entertain one evening.

During the evening the new president, Mrs. C. Heisterman, presented the retiring president, Mrs. W. E. Harris, with a lovely flower vase.

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Liberals

Regular meeting of the Liberal Women's Forum will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday.

Your Problems

By Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: My boy friend and I have been having a heated argument over your column. In the past you've stated emphatically that a girl need not tell her fiance all about her past history. You said it was none of his business what went on before he came along.

You were quite careful to point out however, that a prison term or a child born out of wedlock were more than "indiscretions" and should not be kept secret from a fiance.

I agree with you all the way, but my boy friend says you encourage girls to be dishonest. He claims a fellow has the right to know a girl's background, just as he is entitled to know the pedigree of a dog before he buys it. Can you explain more fully, please, in the paper, why you think it's unwise for a girl to tell all? —Jennie.

Decide for Yourself

Dear Jennie: Interesting that your boy friend compares a girl with a dog. I could mean he'll treat you like one after you're married.

Each girl must decide for herself how much "past history" she wishes to share with her intended. When a bride-to-be asks me, however, I advise her to give no information regarding foolish mistakes.

Only an exceptional male blessed with rare understanding of human failings could forgive such "mistakes" and not bury the resentment deep in his memory, like a time-bomb—to be exploded at some future date.

Although the much-in-love male may accept the news with equanimity, chances are good that later, when time has tarnished the marital finish (as it is bound to do) the husband will recall the sin during the argument. After he's brought it up four or five times, the wife is nothing but a tramp.

Remember the old Russian adage: "You are the master of the unspoken word. Once it is out of your mouth—you are the slave."

Not a Single Date

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a senior and unless some miracle happens I'll wind up my last year of high school without a single date. My friends don't realize it because I get around a lot. I'm active on committees, I'm invited along as an extra, or I go stag with other girls. But the truth is, no fellow has ever called me on the phone for an honest to goodness date.

I'm everyone's friend and nobody's sweetheart. Boys want my advice on how to get OTHER girls. They call me a "swell pal" and a "good sport," but no one wants to take me out.

My Home Ec teacher, who is wonderful, suggested I lose weight but my mother says I'm not fat, just pleasingly plump. (I'm tall—5'7½"—and need some flesh on my bones). She says when the right fellow comes along he'll take me as I am. She doesn't want me to make myself nervous by dieting. Is she right? I need help. —THE LONELY CROWD.

Sorry, I Don't Agree

Sorry, but I don't agree with Mother. Dieting needn't mean starving one's self into a state of collapse. More girls are nervous because they can't get a date than because they are dieting.

The fact that you state your height but not your weight makes me suspect you are too heavy. True, the more mature fellows attach little importance to a girl's figure, but why make it tough for a guy by burying your sterling qualities under a lot of unnecessary blubber?

My advice is go to a doctor and let HIM decide. He'll give you the straight goods, minus the mother-love.

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Confidential To Kitty: My what a lon-nn-nnng tale our cat has. Twelve pages of nothing but me-ows. I suggest you widen your circle of friends to include a few people you like.

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To learn the booby-traps of teenage drinking, write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "Teenage Drinking," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

(Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

9.4 Per Cent Graduate

Thirty-six per cent of B.C. students graduate from Grade 12, but only 14 per cent enter university and 9.3 per cent graduate, Education Minister Leslie Peterson said yesterday in answer to a question from Dan Campbell (SC-Comox.)

He said the Canadian average was 12 per cent entering university and six per cent graduating.

Daughters

Canadian Daughter's League, Assembly No. 5, at a recent meeting made final plans for the Valentine Bridge Tea to be held on Thursday, at 2 p.m. in the Douglas Room of the Hudson's Bay Company. A wedding gift was presented to Miss E. Jewett who will shortly be married.

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